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PRECISION CUTTING OF

APPARATUS FOR RAPID GRAPHICS AREAS FROM SHEETS

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<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</u>

Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to the Office Action of December 31, 2002. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Claims 14-18 have been rejected. Claims 1-13 have been allowed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this Response.